

REMARKS

This amendment responds to an Office Action bearing a mailing date of May 23, 2005.

In the Office Action, the examiner rejected Claims 1 through 14 under 35 USC Section 112 as failing to properly define the invention in the manner required. The examiner stated that applicant's claims were narrative in form and replete with indefinite and function or operational language. In order to overcome the 35 USC Section 112 rejection, applicant canceled Claims 1 through 14 and added new Claims 18 through 31 which are believed to define applicant's invention as required by 35 USC Section 112.

Applicant notes the prior art made of record cited by the examiner as pertaining to liquid feed systems with associated valve references. Applicant respectfully submits that the references do not appear to show a tank assembly for removable attachment to the handle of a floor washing apparatus having a tank with a fluid discharge opening formed in the lower portion thereof and a spring biased valve mounted adjacent the fluid discharge opening and movable between open and closed positions to alternately allow passage of fluids through the discharge opening and prevent fluid flow through the discharge opening. Additionally, applicant's claimed invention further comprises a tank receptacle adapted to receive the tank lower portion having a top portion and a bottom portion. A fluid discharge sleeve, mounted in the bottom portion of the tank receptacle, engages the spring biased tank valve when the tank is mounted in the receptacle to move the spring biased tank valve to the first position to provide fluid communication between the tank and the fluid discharge sleeve. When the tank is removed from the tank receptacle, a fluid discharge sleeve disengages the spring biased tank valve and the valve moves to the closed position.

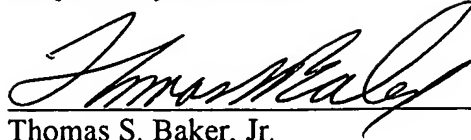
Additionally, new Claims 19 through 31 depend from new independent Claim 18 and are directed to specific features of applicant's tank assembly.

Applicant submits that new Claim 18 through 31 now are in condition for allowance and such action respectfully is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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